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# UA agrees to keep professor who left KGB, worked for CIA

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After some confusion, the University of Arizona has agreed to extend the appointment of a visiting professor who had worked as an agent for the Soviet KGB, and later for the CIA.

But UA officials have said the decision to keep Vladimir Sakharov on the faculty for an additional year is contingent on funds from outside sources to pay his \$45,000 salary.

"The situation has changed for the better from my point of view, and certainly from Dr. Sakharov's," said John Garrard, a professor of Russian and Slavic languages.

Garrard was largely responsible for bringing Sakharov to the UA in January, and he worked with students who recently petitioned the university for Sakharov's retention.

If the money can be raised, Sakharov will have a joint appointment in the Russian and Slavic languages department and the Institute for the Study of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (ISSUE), which Garrard directs.

Certain courses he offers would also be cross-listed in the political science department, where he taught last semester.

Last month, UA officials said there were no plans to retain Sakharov because they lacked the money to continue his appointment, which had always been intended as temporary.

They also implied that other than the student petitions, there were no indications from anyone in the political science department that it would be beneficial to retain Sakharov.

But recently, UA officials became aware of a letter that was sent in April to Garrard by Jerrold Rusk, head of the political science department, praising Sakharov's "fresh, exciting and unique approach to the teaching of our courses in Soviet politics."

It also said that "to lose a precious scholarly resource like Sakharov would be a tragedy" and that the political science department "considers him indispensable to (its) curriculum program."

"That seemed to clarify the situation," said Nils Hasselmo, UA senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "That seemed to indicate that he would be welcome to another visiting appointment if the funding question could be resolved . . . and I saw no reason not to approve it."

Garrard said ISSUE, which is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, could probably provide "a small amount" of Sakharov's salary, but that "the bulk of the money is going to have to come from outside sources."

Many people in the Tucson and Phoenix areas who have heard Sakharov speak have expressed an interest in keeping him at the UA, he noted, so "we're just hoping that they'll back up their words of support with action."

Garrard said people wishing to help may send donations to ISSUE, Room 340, UA Modern Languages Building, Tucson 85721. He said it is his "understanding" that the contribution would be tax-deductible.

Sakharov, who defected to the United States in 1972, said yesterday that he was pleased by the turn of events, especially because

he had just received an "eviction notice" from his political science office.

"It's incredible. That's never been done to me before," he said. "But it's OK — I can live with that. The important thing is I believe I will be allowed to stay."

Sakharov said he hopes he can apply at the end of the year for a permanent faculty position.